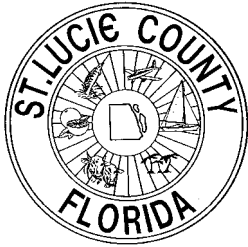


DATE: _____
PROCESSING FEE: _____

PERMIT NO: _____



**ST. LUCIE COUNTY
VEGETATION REMOVAL PERMIT
EXEMPTION REQUEST FORM**

Please complete the requested information and submit all items to the St. Lucie County Public Works Department. For additional information, please contact the St. Lucie County Public Works Department at (561) 462-1553.

The activities set forth below do not require the issuance of a Vegetation Removal Permit. The burden of proving entitlement to any particular exemption shall lie, at all times, with the person claiming the exemption. These exemptions shall not apply to the removal or alteration of any mangrove tree or dune vegetation. Applicants claiming exemption MUST submit photographs of the area to be developed or non-protected vegetation to be removed or an agriculture exemption letter from the SLC Property Appraisers office.

PROJECT INFORMATION

OWNER NAME: _____
PROJECT LOCATION/ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
CONTACT PHONE #: _____
SUBDIVISION: _____ LOT: _____ BLOCK: _____
SECTION: _____ TOWNSHIP: _____ RANGE: _____ MAP #: _____
ZONING: _____ LAND USE: _____
PARCEL SIZE: _____ PROPERTY TAX ID #: _____
LEGAL DESCRIPTION (ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS): _____

LAND CLEARING CONTRACTOR INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
FLORIDA REG/CERT # _____ ST LUCIE CO. CERT. # _____

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY ON PROPERTY: _____

I am exempt from obtaining a St. Lucie County Vegetation Removal Permit due to the following: **(PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)**

- _____ 1. The removal or alteration of any protected vegetation as necessary for the following activities:
- A. The clearing of a path not to exceed 4' in width to provide physical access or view necessary to conduct a survey or site examination for the preparation of bona fide site development plans or vegetation inventories; or
 - B. The clearing of a path not to exceed 10' in width to provide vehicular access necessary to conduct soil percolation or soil bore tests, provided such clearing or removal is conducted under the direction of a Florida registered surveyor or engineer.
- _____ 2. The removal or alteration of any protected vegetation in an existing utility easement or right-of-way provided such work is done by or under the control of the operating utility company and that company has obtained all necessary license or permits to provide utility service through the easement.
- _____ 3. The removal or alteration of any protected vegetation undertaken by a lawful operating and bona fide commercial nursery, tree farm, agricultural operation, ranch, or similar operation, provided that the removal or alteration is performed on land owned or lawfully occupied by the person conducting the above operation and is performed pursuant to that operation. When the removal or alteration of protected vegetation, other than routine maintenance, has been performed under this exemption no development order shall be approved for any other use or improvement on the same land within either:
- A) _____ Two years from the date of completion of such vegetation removal or alteration provided that an agricultural classification has been granted for that land by the St. Lucie County Property Appraiser; or,
 - B) _____ Eight years from the completion of such vegetation removal or alteration if no agricultural classification has been granted land by the St. Lucie County Property Appraiser.
- _____ 4. The removal of protected vegetation which has been destroyed or damaged beyond saving by natural causes or causes not covered by other sections of this Chapter or by which constitutes an immediate peril to life, property, or other trees.
- _____ 5. The removal or alteration of protected vegetation upon any detached single family residential lot or parcel of land having an area of one acre or less. This exemption is, however, subject to the following conditions:

- A) _____ Nothing in this exemption shall exempt any person from the landscaping requirements set forth in Section 7.09.00 of the Land Development Code (i.e. 1 tree per 2,500 square feet of property);
- B) _____ No protected tree twenty-four inches (24”), or greater, dbh shall be removed from any residential parcel, regardless of parcel size, except for bona-fide agricultural uses, without an approved Vegetation Removal Permit and an approved mitigation plan, except that the Public Works Director may waive the requirements for mitigation on individual residential lots ½ acre or less where a protected tree 24” dbh or greater must be removed in order to provide for the reasonable use of the property.

_____ 6. Mining activities undertaken pursuant to a valid mining permit issued under Section 11.05.11 of the St. Lucie County Land Development Code.

_____ 7. The removal or alteration of any nonprotected vegetation.
The following species are considered nonprotected for the purpose of this Ordinance:

- a) Non-native fruit trees including, but not limited to mangoes, avocados, or species of citrus; or, Grasses; or,
- c) Prohibited plant species such as:

Australian Pine, <i>Caurina spp.</i>	Mimosa, <i>Albizzia julibrissin</i>
Brazilian Pepper, <i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i>	Chinese Tallow, <i>Sapium sebiferum</i>
Melaleuca, <i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	Eucalyptus, <i>Eucalyptus spp.</i>
Ear Pod Tree, <i>Enterlobium cycocarpum</i>	Jacaranda, <i>Jacaranda acutifolia</i>
Chinaberry, <i>Melia azedarach</i>	Silk Oak, <i>Grevilla robusta</i>
Mother’s Tongue, <i>Albezzia lebbeck</i>	

_____ 8. NO VEGETATION BEING REMOVED. (\$0.00 Fee)

NOTE: If the Public Works Director determines that any land development activity was conducted in the absence of a required Vegetation Removal Permit, the Director may issue a stop work order on the development site in question and direct that remedial mitigation through new plantings, relocations or preservation be provided as follows:

- a. all replacement trees, either preserved, relocated or newly planted, shall be of the same or other native species as the tree(s) removed;
- b. the quantity of replacement trees shall be at a ratio of 4 inches dbh to 1 inch dbh removed;
- c. the replanting design shall include adequate understory and ground cover plants as necessary to replicate the existing native habitat that was improperly removed or disturbed;
- d. when the property being developed is not appropriate for on-site mitigation, the developer may mitigate off-site on public lands either by planting the trees or contributing \$200 per inch dbh of required mitigation.

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS NOTARIZED:

I CERTIFY THAT: (CHECK ONE)

- A. () I AM THE OWNER OF RECORD OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED
PROPERTY.
- B. () I AM NOT THE OWNER OF RECORD OF THE ABOVE
DESCRIBED PROPERTY; HOWEVER, I HAVE AUTHORITY TO
ACT AS AGENT FOR THE OWNER OF RECORD. (PLEASE
PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION).

I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION
IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

OWNER/ AGENT SIGNATURE

CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE

STATE OF FLORIDA,
COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

STATE OF FLORIDA,
COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged
before me this ____ day of _____, 20____,
by _____, who is
personally know to me or has produced
_____ as identification.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged
before me this ____ day of _____, 20____,
by _____, who is
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Signature of Notary

Signature of Notary

Type or Print Name of Notary

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Notary Public _____ Title _____
_____ Commission Number

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(SEAL):

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

APPROVED ()

DENIED ()

CONDITIONS/COMMENTS: _____

ZONING TECHNICIAN: _____ DATE: _____

RESOURCE PROTECTION COORDINATOR : _____

DATE: _____